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Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that some of the Tamilian officers allotted to the Andhra State have been informed that there is no place for them there and have been asked to go to the Madras State? What has happened to such category of officers, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

*Raids by French Indian Police and goondas into the territory of Madras State.*

* 69 *Q.*—Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any reports of raids by French Indian Police and goondas into the territory of Madras State recently; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Government have received reports of three raids by French Indian Police and goondas into this State territory recently. The circumstances of each incident are given below :—

(1) On 23rd March 1954, a posse of French Indian Police trespassed into the Indian Union limits in Kattupalayam borders in Cuddalore taluk and kidnapped one Nandagopal, Mayor of French Mudaliarpet.

(2) On 12th April 1954, a group of French Indian rowdies trespassed into the jack fruit and cashewnut gardens belonging to a pro-mergerite and removed the jack fruits and cashewnuts. When the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kottakuppam, proceeded to the spot to investigate into the case, a crowd of about 400 rowdies resorted to stone-throwing and dragged some of the pro-mergerites in the Indian Union limits with a view to kidnap them. The French Police, which was within the Indian territory at once opened fire to help the goondas. Three pro-mergerites sustained gunshot wounds. The Sub-Inspector of Police, Kottakuppam, thereupon ordered his S.A.P. men to return fire upon the French personnel. At this, the French Military Police retreated to their territory.

(3) On 1st May 1954, when an M.S.P. lorry was returning from Kodukur to Pudukuppam near the French-Chettipet road, the Naick driver noticed a palmyra trunk laid across the road to obstruct his passage. When he was clearing the obstruction with the help of a Police Constable who was with him, the villagers numbering about 300 began to throw stones on the lorry and the policemen. The vehicle received a number of dents and the Police Constable who was with the driver, sustained an injury. After warning,

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the Police Constable fired two rounds, and the crowd dispersed. Two persons are reported to have sustained gunshot wounds.

" (b) Adequate Police personnel have been stationed in the area to prevent violation of Indian territory."

Sri V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Have the French authorities made any apologies for the irregularities committed by the French Police and the goondas acting under their instigation? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government of India have been attending to this matter at a higher level. There can be no question of extracting apologies at a lower level."

Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Has the Hon. the Minister submitted diplomatic representations through the Central Government regarding these incidents, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Union Government have been seized of this matter and they have been taking appropriate action."

Sri V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Have the Government any information, Sir, that the French Government is relinquishing its authority over these territories by the 15th August? " 11-10 a.m.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this Government have no such information at present."

Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" பிரஞ்சுப் போலீஸார் சுட்டதன் காரணமாக எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் உயிர் இழந்தார்கள்? எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் காயம் அடைந்தார்கள்? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government give an assurance that hereafter if French Police or Military personnel come into our territory they will be arrested and detained and dealt with properly? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I do not think any such assurance is necessary. This Government have been taking adequate action in the matter."

*Number of cases of cholera registered in the Cuddalore Headquarters Hospital.*

* 70 Q.—Sri M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases of cholera registered in the Cuddalore Headquarters Hospital during the years 1951–52, 1952–53 and 1953–54; and

(b) whether there is any isolation ward in the Cuddalore Headquarters Hospital, and if not, the reasons therefor?